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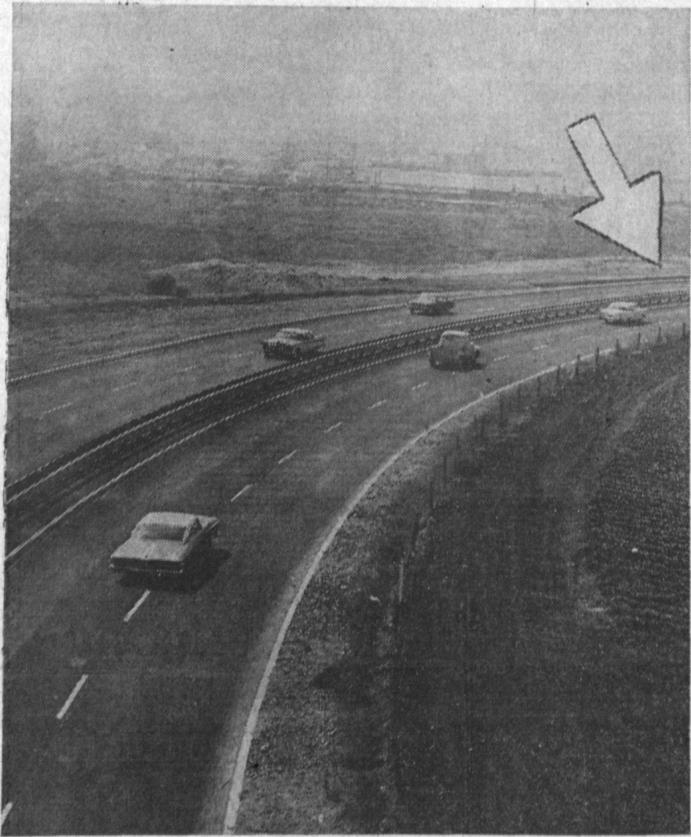
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Vice Detectives Bust 'Biggest' Bookie Ring



ROADWAY BARRICADE on Crenshaw near 250th St. was completed recently along with highway banking project. It was at this spot that a Rolling Hills girl died on New Year's Eve when her car skidded into path of

an oncoming auto. City officials, seriously concerned by work done on the street many years ago, launched immediate improvement job. Project was completed at cost of \$22,000. —Press Photo

Torrance Man Held as Suspect

LOS ANGELES — A Torrance man is one of 11 persons seized here for their part in a suspected \$50,000-a-day bookmaking ring. Vice officers called the purported operation "one of the largest in Southern California."

All 11 men were booked in Central Jail on bookmaking charges after being arrested at their alleged headquarters, 1912 S. Main St. An estimated half million dollars in bookmaking markers were seized in the raid, conducted Thursday to halt betting for horse racing, baseball and football.

Among those arrested was Floyd Morphew, 58, of 2415 W. 182nd St., Torrance.

Detectives said the men aided one "kingpin operator" by working telephones and betting boards. The arrests climaxed a two-week investigation by L.A. City vice detectives.

Others arrested were: Joseph Highland, 26, sus-

pected ringleader; Will Francis, 42; Larry Ogg, 51; Keith Tudor, 64; Patrick Moore, 63; Emilio Chave, 33; Joseph Canady, 61; Martin Evtstberg, 64; Clive Harris, 72, and George Fisher, 68, all of Los Angeles.

Boy, 2, Hurt Critically in Car Accident

TORRANCE — A two-year-old boy was injured critically Friday when a car backed over him at his trailer park home.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with major head and internal injuries was Seebren Reeves, 17524 S. Figueroa St.

California Highway Patrol investigators said the boy was crushed beneath the wheels of a car driven by James H. Weissenberger, 25, also of the trailer park address.

CHP officers quoted Weissenberger as saying he drove into the trailer park, looked for children playing and backed into a parking space.

Thinking he had run over a board, Weissenberger checked and found the Reeves boy pinned beneath the wheels.

He said he drove forward to release the injured boy, then called police.

Hospital officials say the boy is in "extremely critical" condition with major head injuries, probable brain damage, internal injuries and multiple other hurts.

Weissenberger was not held.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

Adjourned meeting of Torrance Unified School District board of education will be held Tuesday at 7:30 at district headquarters.

'Coffee Hour' Set Here for Mrs. Nixon

TORRANCE — Mrs. Richard M. Nixon, wife of the former vice president, will be guest of honor at a women's coffee hour Tuesday at El Retiro Park.

The 10 a.m. program will include refreshments and informal discussion with Mrs. Nixon.

Spokesmen for Mrs. Nixon say she hopes to meet with several hundred Torrance area women, and to talk personally with each one.

Local women are welcome to attend the free event. Additional information may be obtained by calling FAirfax 8-8000 or FAirfax 0-5306.

Residents Send 'Smoke Signals'

TORRANCE — What this country needs is a good five-cent cigar. But not in homes visited by Torrance policemen.

Officers learned recently that their cigar-smoking compatriots are unknowingly causing residents to cough and turn lightly charred when the policemen forget to leave their stogies in the prowl car ashtray.

Result: no more cigars in houses. Pipes and cigarettes are out, too.

Moral: this country doesn't need a good five-cent cigar. It needs more people who LIKE five-cent cigars.

ATTENTION, JUNIOR BUSINESSMEN

Hey, kids! You can make that extra pocket money — and more if you're enterprising — as a carrierboy for the Torrance Press.

Openings in established routes are currently available, and a quick phone call to circulation manager L. C. Robertson will provide additional details. Mom and dad will be interested, too, in their son's activities as a junior businessman.

Get more information by calling DAVENPORT 5-1515 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

WOMEN FINANCE PLAN

Second in a series on "Financial Planning for Women" will be held Thursday by Raymond Zager, planning authority, at YWCA.

A Life Is Taken So Others May Live

TORRANCE — One of this city's deadliest driving areas has been transformed into a 4-lane superhighway. It's the stretch of Crenshaw Blvd. near 250th St. — a spot well worn with the marks of traffic accidents.

Motorists began driving the new section of roadway less than two weeks ago after city street crews completed work on a \$22,000 widening and barrier project.

The stretch of roadway, which curves west for southbound traffic, originally was built to handle only light traffic. But as Torrance grew, so grew the number of automobiles using Crenshaw Blvd.

When the city later decided to widen Crenshaw Blvd. at the curve, provision was not made for high speed traffic in the left lane. More and more accidents occurred

and, on New Year's Eve, 1962, the inevitable happened.

Lynda Diane Stout, on her way with friends to a party, died in a grinding head-on crash.

Subsequent investigation by the city, plus an editorial on page one of the Torrance Press, prompted the start of work on the newly-opened improvement project.

And, though of little solace to those who knew Lynda Diane Stout, her life may have been lost so others could live.

"IMMEDIATE ACTION"

Mayor Calls for Monorail, Inspects System in Seattle

TORRANCE — Mayor Albert Isen has called for immediate action to build a monorail rapid transit system linking Torrance and neighboring communities with Los Angeles and other major areas of the county.

Mayor Isen was part of a delegation of Los Angeles City and County officials who inspected the monorail installation at the Seattle World's Fair.

Also included in the group here was Los Angeles City Attorney Roger Arnebergh, A. E.

Abernathy, former Pasadena mayor and currently a member of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission; and Richard Lynch, chief field deputy for Supervisor Warren Dorn.

"I wish every commuter in Southern California could see and ride this revolutionary transit system of the future," Isen declared.

While in Seattle, Isen said he was impressed with the monorail because:

1. Low construction cost

— Monorail could be built in Los Angeles for approximately \$2.5 and \$3 million a mile, as compared to subway construction costing 3 to 4 times that amount.

2. Ease and convenience of operation — passengers ride in sleek, modern trains which glide effortlessly over this streamlined beamway.

3. Speed and efficiency of construction — a monorail system could be constructed in Los Angeles in less than 24 months. In Seattle, the monorail was constructed

without interruption to traffic, which would be a very important factor in Los Angeles County. Subway construction would take many times longer, as well as causing great inconvenience due to construction.

"We can't go on building new freeways forever. Some sections of our present freeways have cost more than \$10 million per mile. We've got to find a way to get some of our traffic off the streets and I believe that monorail is the logical low cost answer," Isen said.

To The Rescue!



SIMULATED RESCUE is performed by fireman Bob Ward during realistic test exercise Friday. Firemen set blazes in houses to be demolished, then extinguish them and practice rescue techniques. Houses, at 228th St. and Ocean Ave. were razed to make way for new school. Ten trainees currently are going through fire training program. —Press Photo

Unique Theft Scheme Believed Found Here

TORRANCE — A novel theft scheme uncovered here last week may already have netted thousands of dollars, police theorize.

Under the scheme, bunco artists pose as potential home buyers and loot houses while examining them for possible purchase.

The system was discovered when a homeowner found cash missing from a bedroom after showing the would-be buyer through.

It was reported to police by members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors.

A board member said a man entered his office and indicated he was a refugee doctor needing a home immediately.

All he had was cash, the doctor said. The man spoke with an accent, was dark complexioned, had dark, curly hair and was about 40, the realtor said.

The doctor wanted a home in the \$40,000 bracket, he said, and wanted to pay cash. Shown a home in the desired category, the doctor

they called hospital officials who, in turn, said the "doctor" was not known to them.

Police say variations of the same scheme may have been used in countless other cases, many of them undiscovered. They warned residents to be on guard against such an attempt.

Here's Big Bargain News

TORRANCE — Need an ice cream machine, a temperature recorder or a heat treating furnace?

You'll find them — and a wide variety of other hard-to-get items — when the U.S. Navy opens the doors to its Torrance shipyard annex Oct. 18.

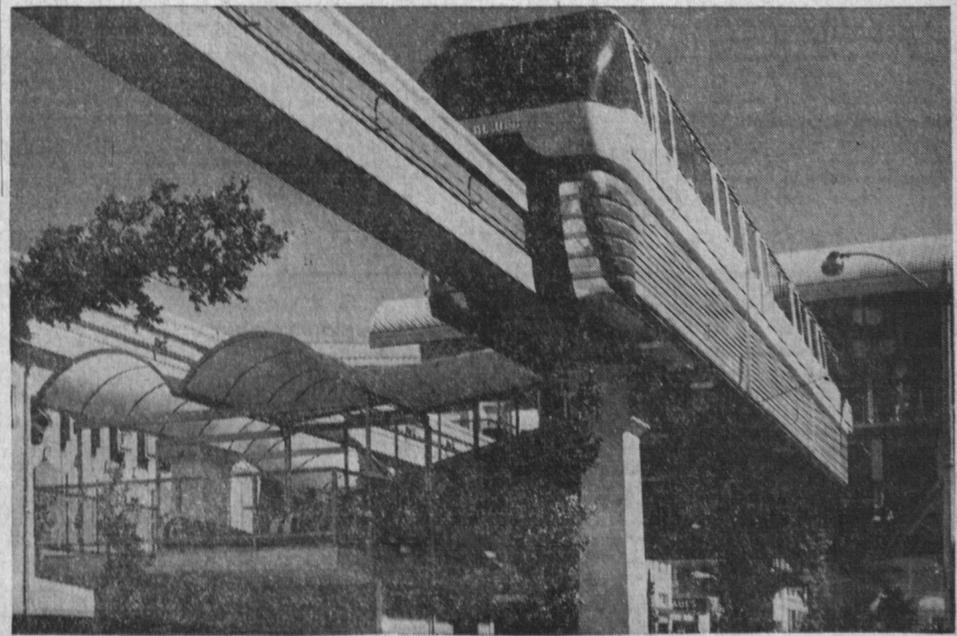
Discriminating buyers will have an opportunity to select from drinking fountains, laundry equipment, bake ovens, industrial fans and other items at the spot bid sale, which is scheduled in Building 32 at 9 a.m.

'Shoestring' Area Grows, Survey Shows

TORRANCE — Residents of the so-called "Shoestring Strip" adjacent to Torrance have accounted for a major population increase in Southwestern Los Angeles County.

A report released this week by the City of Los Angeles says 128,000 persons live in city-owned sections of Southern L.A. County, an increase of 5300 in the past two years.

Wilmington registered about half the increase, with Torrance, Gardena and San Pedro accounting for the balance.



ELEVATED MONORAIL at Seattle World's Fair is used as an example by Mayor Albert Isen, who this week called for construction of similar transit system to link Torrance with other portions of Los Angeles County. Isen said monorail could be built economically, operated conveniently and constructed quickly. "We have to find some way to get traffic off the streets," he said.